



Cactus District

Weekly Update

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E. LOWELL ROGERS AMPHITHEATRE AND GLENDALE SUMMER BAND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION A RESOUNDING SUCCESS! VICE MAYOR HUGH KEY NOTE SPEAKER IN CEREMONY!



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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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Glendale Begins New Fiscal Year With Positive Outlook For Citizens

City Council Approves Budget with Unanimous Vote

The Glendale City Council has approved a fiscal year 2016-17 budget of \$693 million and it shows a positive outlook for the city.

Glendale is benefiting from increased sales tax revenues, the effects of implementing a new set of fiscal policies for spending and the impact of improved bond ratings this year, including acknowledgement from Moody's Investors Service for "prudent" budget management.

"Every good budget has to start with having a good budget philosophy and the residents of Glendale can feel confident that this budget shows we are on track with our goal of having a \$50 million unrestricted general fund balance by Fiscal Year 2019-20," said City Manager Kevin Phelps. The city has gone from a financial crisis three years ago to financial stability, turning a projected \$30 million annual deficit in the general fund into a \$ 1 million surplus.

The new Glendale city budget includes:

- ☐ - No property tax increase
- ☐ - Significant investment in street and road infrastructure improvements
- ☐ - Additional full-time positions for police and fire departments, which will enhance response times and service levels
- ☐ - Additional resources for faster project approval, which will increase jobs and business opportunities

The 2016-17 balanced budget outlines an operating budget of \$391.0 million, a capital improvement budget of \$194.4 million, a debt service budget of \$73.8 million and a contingency appropriation of \$33.8 million. The total revenue budget is \$537.7 million and a total transfer budget of \$ 120.2 million.

Glendale's budget is prepared each fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends June 30. For more information contact the Finance Department at (623) 930- 2480. To view the budget in its entirety, visit the city's website at www.glendaleaz.com/finance

Glendale Set to Name New City Clerk

Julie Bower to Assume Management of City Clerk Office

The city of Glendale announced today that it is in the final stages of selecting Julie Bower as its new city clerk. The City Council is set to formally confirm Bower's appointment during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 28. Pending that confirmation, Bower will begin work in Glendale on July 5.

After an extensive search and interview process, Bower was chosen from a field of five exemplary semi-finalists. For the past five and a half years, Bower has been the town clerk of Oro Valley, Arizona. Prior to that, for over eleven years, Bower served as city clerk of Littleton, Colorado.

"We are fortunate to have such a highly qualified professional as our new city clerk and I am extremely excited to have her join our team," said Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers.

"Glendale continues to move forward in the right direction and the hiring of Julie Bower adds to the confidence and excitement of the bright future for the city of Glendale." Mayor



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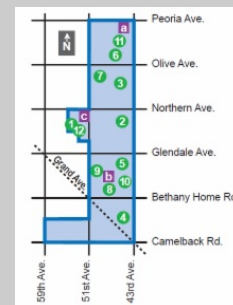
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Cactus District Amenities



Cactus District Amenities

Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

7637 N. 55th Ave.
Located south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch.



excitement of the bright future for the city of Glendale. Mayor Weiers pointed to the significant leadership experience and years of serving the public in Oro Valley and Littleton, as well as a commitment to open government and transparency as deciding factors in her selection.



Bower said she is delighted by the appointment and ready to get to work. "I am incredibly excited to serve the citizens, Council and employees of Glendale. I look forward to bringing my twenty years of government experience to the city" said Bower. "I couldn't be more pleased with the opportunity to lead the clerk's office and am excited to make the transition to Glendale."

The city clerk is an appointed official responsible to the City Council for the executive leadership, direction and management of the city clerk's office. As the clerk, Bower is responsible for ensuring all services and programs of the office meet the legal requirements of the city charter, city code and the Arizona Revised Statutes.

Responsibilities include: attending City Council workshops and meetings, serving as the official record keeper for the city and overseeing the maintenance of official city records including ordinances, resolutions, and minutes. In addition, the clerk directs city elections and redistricting, the records management program, the city's legal notices and publication program and the city's public record request program.

For more information, please visit www.glendaleaz.com

Glendale Police Chief Debora Black Named Prescott Police Chief



Assistant Chief Rick St. John Appointed as Interim Police Chief

Glendale Police Chief Debora Black has accepted the position of police chief for the city of Prescott, AZ. Her last day with Glendale will be Friday, July 15.

Debora Black joined the Glendale Police Department as assistant police chief in 2006. She served in that position until becoming the interim police chief in 2012 and was named the Glendale police chief in 2013.

Leaving the Glendale Police Department was a difficult decision for Chief Black. "Leading the department has truly been an honor for me and a highlight in my 36 year career in law enforcement," said Chief Debora Black. "I am thankful for the privilege I have had to serve with the men and women of the Glendale Police Department on behalf of this community."

"The city of Glendale is sad to lose Chief Black but we are happy for her and her family," said City Manager Kevin Phelps. "Chief Black has developed a strong leadership structure throughout the entire Police Department which will provide the officers and the public with the stability and continuity needed to continue to fulfill the mission of protecting the lives and property of the citizens they serve."

Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps has appointed Assistant Police Chief Rick St. John to serve as interim police chief upon the departure of Chief Black. Assistant Chief St. John is a 19-year veteran of the Glendale Police Department and during his career he has overseen or been involved with every major division of the department.



Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Watch a video on the park [here](#).



Rose Lane Park

51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue

Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

Rose Lane Park includes:

Lighted ball field
Lighted basketball court
Two lighted volleyball courts
Four lighted racquetball courts

Playground
Picnic tables
Grills
Restrooms

[Reservable ramadas](#)
[Aquatic center](#)
[Recreation center](#)





*Stay Cool This Summer When the
Temperature Gets Hotter*

Glendale is partnering with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Heat Relief Network, along with several other municipalities, businesses, service providers and caring residents mobilizing to provide hydration and heat refuge for people in need over the hot

summer months.

Eight locations throughout Glendale have been designated as places where those distressed by the heat can find water, shade and help this summer. Glendale Hydration and Refuge Stations:

* Glendale Main Library 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302

Hours (excepting holidays): Monday/Wednesday 1-8 p.m.

Tuesday/Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 12-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m.

* Foothills Branch Library 19055 N. 57th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308

Hours (excepting holidays): Monday 1-8 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.,

Friday 1-5 p.m., Saturday 12-5 p.m.

* Velma Teague Branch Library

7010 N. 58th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301

Hours (excepting holidays): Monday/Thursday 1-8 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 1 a.m.-3 p.m.

* Community Action Program Office

5850 W. Glendale Ave., Ste. B51, Glendale, AZ 85301

Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

* Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center

5600 W. Union Hills Dr., Glendale, AZ 85308

Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Holiday Hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day)

* Glendale Adult Center

5970 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302

Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

* Glendale Parks Field Operations Office

6210 W. Myrtle Ave., # 111, Building B, Glendale, AZ 85301

Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

* Glendale Community Housing Office (Hydration Only Station)

6842 N. 61st Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301

Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Donations of bottled water needed! Glendale Fire Department is teaming up again this year with Visit Glendale to collect bottled water donations for distribution through Heat Relief Stations to the most vulnerable populations in the region to stay hydrated and healthy.

Donated water will be accepted 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, at the Glendale Visitor Center, Suite 140, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., and at all Glendale Fire Department stations.



**Rose Lane Recreation
Center**

5003 W. Marlette Ave.

623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours:
Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The Rose Lane Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. [More Information.](#)



**Rose Lane Aquatics
Center**

5003 W. Marlette Ave. *
623-930-7905

(east of 51st Ave., north
of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is
only open to the public
during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office. This facility is only

MAG's Heat Relief Network program offers water bottle collection sites, hydration stations and refuge locations throughout Maricopa County. For more information on this program, visit <http://www.azmag.gov/heatrelief>.

Important tips to avoid heat-related illness

- Increase fluid intake, regardless of activity level. Staying hydrated is extremely important.
- Limit exercise or outdoor activity between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3p.m.
- When outdoors, wear a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 15 and reapply often.
- Wear a hat, lightweight clothing and sunglasses.
- Rest frequently in shady or cool areas to give the body's temperature a chance to recover and cool down.
- Never leave infants, children or pets inside a parked vehicle.
- Check on elderly neighbors to make sure their air conditioning is working and in use.
- Take advantage of free air-conditioned spaces by visiting shopping malls, libraries, or other heat refuge locations.

Heat Relief and water bottle collection location maps are available at all Glendale libraries and community centers and online at <http://www.azmag.gov/heatrelief>. For additional information on regional heat relief efforts, please contact Celina Brun, Maricopa Association of Governments, at 602-254-6300 ex. 5130.

Join the Citizen Police Academy, Today



Citizen Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department's Citizen Police Academy is a free program designed for citizens of Glendale and members of the business community. This program allows attendees to experience an inside view of the Glendale Police Department and the different roles and responsibilities of both our sworn officers and civilian employees. During the 12-week program, attendees will meet the men and women of this department, see what they do to help make our community safe, and even get some hands-on experience with the tools and equipment they use.

staffed when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

[View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics Center here!](#)

Citizen Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the Fall 2016 Citizen Police Academy. The Fall program is scheduled to begin in August 2016. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Shepherd, Academy Coordinator, at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

Course curriculum includes:

- Uniformed patrol
- Crime Scene Investigation
- D.U.I. recognition
- Tactical operations
- Use of canines
- Police driving techniques
- Firearms training
- Police Detention Facility and Operations
- Police Communications
- Community Action Teams
- Volunteer Opportunities

Program requirements:

Participants must be 18 years or older and able to attend a 12-week program, comprised of Wednesday evening classes, one Friday afternoon class and one Saturday morning class.

Application process:

[Click here](#) to download an application for the Citizen Police Academy (Microsoft Word)

[Click here](#) to download an application for the Citizen Police Academy (PDF)

As part of the application process all applicants must be fingerprinted. Please bring your completed application along with a photo ID to the Main Public Safety building during fingerprint service hours.

Fingerprint service hours vary.

Please call ahead at (623) 930-3099.

Main Public Safety Building
Glendale Police Department
6835 N. 57th Drive
Glendale, AZ 85301

For further information, please contact Marie Shepherd, Volunteer Coordinator, at (623) 930-3282 or by email at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

Boards and Commissions



The City's Boards and Commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact our community. These citizen advisory groups research, study, and discuss specific issues. You can find the full list of all 17 commissions and apply online at: www.GlendaleAZ.com/boardsandcommissions or you can call (623) 930-2878 and I will be happy to send you a brochure in the mail.

2016 Events and Activity Listings

Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Fee Review Public Input Meeting
5-7 p.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2016
Rose Lane Recreation Center
5003 W. Marlette Ave., Glendale, AZ

First in a series of two public meetings being conducted as part of the public outreach efforts on this item assessing the department's program and service offerings and fee structure. Staff Contact: Tim Barnard at 623-930-3572.

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.



Sept 8 - Denny's - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 4303 W. Peoria

October 13 - Submarino's - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 7910 N. 43rd Ave #6



GLENDALE SUMMER BAND CELEBRATES ITS 50TH SEASON OF MUSIC IN DOWNTOWN GLENDALE

State's Longest-Running Community Band Kicks Off Summer Concert Series June 2

Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 50th season beginning June 2 in downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. through July 21, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn drives.

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- June 2: There's Something About Music (Great opening of season music)
- June 9: Celebrate the 1960s (Popular TV, movie and Broadway music from the 1960s)
- June 16: What I Like About You (Favorite selections from current and past conductors)
- **June 23: Milestones and Memories: 50th Anniversary Concert & Amphitheater Dedication (Premiere performance of An Arizona Celebration by Andrew Balent)**
- June 30: Happy Birthday, America! (Patriotic and All-American, Summer Band

Singers)

- July 7: Never Grow Up (Music from Peter Pan, Hook and children's favorites)
- July 14: The Great Gershwin! (The music of George Gershwin)
- July 21: Audience and Band Favorites (Favorite band and audience end-of-the-season music)

The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors and the Glendale Rotary. For more information, call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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